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One paper in the home is worth a dozen in the by-way. THE DEMOCRAT is the home paper of Mercer County.

Political

Great Ideas of an Old Political Fraud

Says the Cincinnati Enquirer: "This is a business country and there ought to be a majority of business men in Congress. At the next election let us send them there and give business a chance."

Would there not be a tremendous host and protest from the Enquirer and other organs of predatory interests, if the result of the next campaign should hinge on a demand like this!

"This is a labor country and there ought to be a majority of laboring men in Congress. Let us send them there and give labor a chance."

Would we not be told about the wickedness of setting class against class? Then would we not be told in the next breath that there are no classes in this country? Would we not hear a lot of rot about how much better attention the "true interests" of labor would receive at the hands of a Congress composed of predatory business men, than at the hands of labor representatives?

It makes a heap of difference how one is gored. It must be admitted that some very successful business men continually furnish evidence that if it were desirable to have class domination in Congress, it would be vain to look to them for intelligent action on pending questions.

Private monopoly must go or socialism will give the country something to think about besides petty politics. There are right now a good many towns in this country which take socialism more seriously than a year ago. Laboring people everywhere recognize that something more than battleships is needed to keep the human race in the right path and secure lasting peace and an educational footing stage seems to have passed, too.

Tom L. Johnson's pioneer work for three-cent street railway fares has brought forth its latest fruits in Detroit, where that rate of fare has just been instituted. The first result, no doubt, has been an increase of suburban land values, but that again should have an educational effect in showing the truth that landowners reap the benefit of public improvements and therefore the only just way to raise the money needed for such improvements is through taxation of land values.

Jonas Thomas, of Center township, was in this city Tuesday on his way to Columbus to accept a position as guard at the State Penitentiary, filling the position made vacant by the resignation of our former townsman, W. E. Reynolds, who has accepted a position in the office of the State Highway Commissioner.

The new Democratic U. S. Senator from New York State has a better understanding of the situation of the party in the nation than most of the alleged leaders of the party in the East. In an interview on the presidential situation, and the candidates most considered at this time, he concludes in this way:

I wish particularly to say that Colonel W. Bryan's influence in the national convention will be a determining factor. Without Mr. Bryan's hearty support we cannot win. He has the largest following of any man in America, and his high moral character is a tower of strength to his party. No matter who is elected President on the Democratic ticket he will be compelled by the moral force of public opinion to offer Bryan a place in his cabinet."

of Treasurer and Secretary, Mercer County Agricultural Society, 1911. Balance on hand 1910 \$ 172.32 Borrowed money 809.09 County Fund 125.58 State Fund 550.75 Gate and Grand stand admissions 6748.45 Entrance privileges 125.00 Total \$12025.44

PAID DISBURSEMENTS Races 2385.25 General expense 5118.75 Old debts, Notes 852.00 Improvements 471.58 Balance on hands 449.87 Total \$12025.44

Receipts Oct. 11, 1910, 1910, Citizens Banking Co. 809.09 Jan. 24, 1911, State funds 550.75 May 25, 1911, County funds 125.58 Aug. 15, B. F. Allen 5.00 Aug. 15, 1911, Brown and John 25.00 Aug. 15, 1911, Dinning 8.00 Aug. 15, 1911, Bunker and Houts 9.99 Aug. 15, Ed Boenacker 12.50 Aug. 15, 1911, Bunker 10.00 Aug. 15, W. Blair 10.00 Aug. 15, G. Blackburn 15.00 Aug. 15, Nathan Hoober 22.50 Aug. 15, 1911, Boll 2.50 Oct. 14, Citizens Banking Co. note 742.00 Nov. 22, M. V. Wallace adv. 10.00 Oct. 24, E. E. Yingling, plumbing 3.35 Nov. 11, C. A. McKim, stamps 5.00 Nov. 11, Sam Freeman, pump 2.85 Nov. 29, Tom Hoop, labor 20.00 Dec. 3, G. Freeman, labor 20.00 Dec. 31, G. Freeman, labor 20.00 1911

Jan. 7, B. E. Stephenson, lum. 7.46 Jan. 27, Mendon Herald, pub. 15.00 Jan. 27, Bookford Press, Pub. 10.00 Jan. 27, Bote, pub. 10.00 Jan. 27, Standard adv. pub. 10.00 Jan. 27, Democrat pub. 10.00 Jan. 27, Journal, pub. 10.00 Jan. 27, Journal, pub. 10.00 Jan. 27, G. Phillips, pub. 10.00 Jan. 27, Western Ohio Circuit, adv. 25.00 Jan. 27, J. B. Ravdabough, lum. 10.00 Jan. 30, G. Freeman, labor 20.00 1911

CITY FATHERS IN AN INTERESTING SESSION

The City Dads held an unusual busy session at their regular meeting last Tuesday night, and for better than two hours matters were lively discussed. All members were at their accustomed desks and Mayor Kenney in the presiding chair.

After the usual opening routine Mayor W. H. Pieren, of the Celina Mrs. Co., addressed the council in regard to macadamizing a street from Market to Livingston on west side of their factory. He stated they could hardly get from their plant with heavy drays loads of lanks and windmills during bad weather, and the halloway the town should be turned up a good street. He said they had been running steady and were making business for the town. In substantiating this he presented figures giving their business. The report showed that the company has expended something over \$10,000 for labor and over \$2,000 more for freight, drays, &c. Council seemed unanimous in their belief that the street should be fixed up and once the matter was referred to the street committee.

Attorney Orel J. Myers asked permission to make a change in the sidewalk line in front of his lot on North Main street at the intersection of Touville. The matter was referred to the street committee.

The reports of village depositaries of interest on corporation money for year were again read. Mr. Winkel, of the Finance committee, said that the reports had been O. K'd by the trustees and council thereupon accepted them. The Commercial bank's interest amounted to \$113.45 and the First National's to \$84.37.

The report of the clerk of the B. of P. A. for past month was read and approved. A communication from the Western Ohio asking permission to complete their paving on East Market street with the ordinary paving brick, stating they had found it impossible to get the asphalt block.

The proposed Ohio Congressional germans put Allen County in the Eighth District with Wood, Hancock, Hardin, Wyandot and Marion. The Fourth District, in which Allen has long had an abiding place, and in which she has contributed largely to almost every President elected an Anguize County man to Congress, under the proposed redistricting, would be composed of Anguize, Mercer, Shelby, Darke and Miami Counties.

Just why we should be cut aloof from the race is not understood, unless the leaders in Anguize County fear that Allen County's Congressional aspirants may sometime soon get into harmony and win an honor to which this county has long been entitled.

The resolution to transfer \$1181.50 from the water-works extension fund to the sinking fund was adopted. Solicitor Johnson then called council's attention to the decision of Judge Mathers in the I. F. Bandabaugh case. The matter was laid over until the next meeting.

Several bills were allowed and council adjourned. For the benefit of the hunter who doesn't know the law it may be stated that every one who has a dummy game warden on his own farm and has just as much power to arrest a hunter for trespassing, or for killing more than the allotted amount of game, as the sheriff. An owner of a farm doesn't have to put up signs on his farm to notify hunters to stay off. Many farmers do this and others notify hunters through the press but he isn't required to do either. If he doesn't want them on his land all he has to do is to arrest them when they trespass on his property.

ORDER EASTERN STARS SELECT OFFICERS At the annual election of officers held by the Celina Chapter, Order of Eastern Stars, at their last Tuesday night, the following were chosen as officers for the ensuing year: Green Snyder, W.M.; E. J. Brackley, M.W.; J. M. Assistant; M. Alice Brownlie, Secretary; Cora Snyder, Treasurer; Agnes Agrenborg, Conductor; Frank H. Conductor.

FOOT-BALL AND BASKET-BALL GOSSIP The Celina football team suffered a second defeat at the hands of the St. Marys team Friday afternoon. The boys were trimmed on the Mercellina Park field to the tune of 0 to 3.

GENERAL DISBURSEMENTS Labor, Judges, Improvements, Advertising, Etc. Oct. 14, Citizens Banking Co. note 742.00 Nov. 22, M. V. Wallace adv. 10.00 Oct. 24, E. E. Yingling, plumbing 3.35 Nov. 11, C. A. McKim, stamps 5.00 Nov. 11, Sam Freeman, pump 2.85 Nov. 29, Tom Hoop, labor 20.00 Dec. 3, G. Freeman, labor 20.00 Dec. 31, G. Freeman, labor 20.00 1911

TALCOTT THE SECOND NUMBER ON WASHINGTON LECTURE COURSE

WOMEN WORKERS WILL PARTICIPATE

Roilo A. Talcott will be the second number on the Washington township lecture course at the High School auditorium Friday evening, November 24, a week from tonight. Mr. Talcott is a humorist, impersonator and novelty entertainer of note. He cleverly imitates six different musical instruments and five singing voices. He uses no make-up or costumes in his entertainments.

HOURS OF LUTHERAN SERVICES SUNDAY

Rev. F. G. Betts, pastor of the Lutheran congregation in this city and Hopewell township, announces the following time for the services on Sunday:

8 a.m. - Morning service, English and German services, 9 a.m.; English services, 10 a.m. 11 p.m. - German services, 2 p.m.

LAKE ERIE HAS COSY BREAK

Two loaded coal cars were knocked off the track, one empty box car smashed to kindling wood and another wrecked in a wreck on the Lake Erie & Western in the yards in this city about one o'clock Thursday morning.

A west-bound freight running on the main siding hit a cut of five coal cars near the east entrance to Mercellina Park, demolishing two of the cars. The wreckage in the yards in this city about one o'clock Thursday morning.

PROPERTY OF LODGES NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

A Columbus special of Tuesday 11, says: The ruling of the attorney general yesterday that property of the Grand Camp of the Maccabees in Newark is taxable will affect all lodges with insurance funds for their members and the families of their members.

Madeline, the infant daughter of Undertaker and Mrs. Henry J. Schmidt of St. Henry, died last Saturday morning. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church at St. Henry, last Sunday afternoon after which the body was brought here for interment.

Henry Esser, a pioneer resident of the county, died at his home, one-half mile east of Wendelin, at eight o'clock last Sunday evening, at the age of almost four score years. He had been suffering for the past several years with Bright's disease and during the last few weeks of his life his sufferings were intense.

DAYTON MAN ARRESTED AT FORT CHARGED WITH NON-SUPPORT

Geo. Foskuhl, employed in the G. A. Reuter lumber yards at Ft. Recovery, was arrested by Sheriff Phel M. Fisher last Sunday, upon instigation of the Sheriff of Montgomery county, where Foskuhl was wanted on a charge of non-support of two minor children, the affidavit being filed by his wife. He was taken back to Dayton Monday.

COPY'S VICTIMS

Harold Bowman, only son of Banker M. M. Bowman, North Main street, and Miss Georgia Helen Berlet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Berlet, of Ada, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents at three o'clock last Tuesday afternoon. The ceremony being performed by the Rev. Edwin Smith of the Ohio Northern University. Miss Florence Berlet, a sister of the bride, and Elmer Stubbs, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Stubbs, of this city, were the attendants. The bride and groom will spend the winter in a tour of the south and west. The many friends of the young man in this city will join The Democrat in extending congratulations.

IN THE COURTS

Lawrence Wimmers vs. Andrew Bramlign, is a petition in error filed in Common Pleas court last Saturday, plaintiff in his petition stating that the defendant received a judgment against him in the county of Justice D. W. Fick at Coldwater, and that said judgment is in violation of the rights of plaintiff in the case; that errors of several natures were made. Plaintiff therefore prays that the judgment of said Justice's court be set aside and that a new trial be granted.

THE REV. IRL R. HICKS 1912 ALMANAC

Before the great drought of 1901, the Hicks Almanac gave timely warning. For over two years prior to 1911, the Hicks Almanac again sounded the warning of drought danger. And so for forty years this same friend of the people has steadfastly refused the offer of speculators and continued to warn the public of the coming dangers of storm and weather. As they should have done the people have nobly stood by Prof Hicks, their faithful public servant, who has grown old in their service. Send only one dollar to Word and Works Publishing Company, 3401 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Missouri and get his magazine and almanac both one year. The Almanac alone, a fine book of 100 pages, is only 35 cents by mail. Let everybody respond and receive the warnings of our national seer for the coming year.

THE BEST INVESTMENT FOR \$1.75

There is no other way to spend \$1.75 and get so much in lasting pleasure for every member of the family as for a year's subscription to The Youth's Companion. Only \$1.75 now for the 32 weekly issues, but on January 1, 1912, the subscription price will be advanced to \$2.00. The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass. New Subscribers received at this office.

ISSUING BONDS UNDER FALSE PRETEXTS ILLEGAL

A Columbus special of Monday says: "Bond issues made specifically for one purpose and used for another are illegal, declared Attorney General Hogan in an opinion today, and the officials prescribing other use or the object of such use are subject to court proceeding for the recovery of the amount of the bonds."

The opinion was rendered in the case of Sidney, Ohio, where bonds in the sum of \$10,000 were issued for street improvement purposes and later the amount was paid as a bonus to a manufacturing concern.

"According to the Attorney General both the city officials issuing the bonds and later prescribing their use and the manufacturing company may be compelled by the courts to pay back the amount which must be used only for the object named in form of their issuance."

TOUGH SPORE HOG CHOLERA

In an effort to check the spread of the dreaded hog cholera, a large quantity of serum was sent this week by the State Veterinarian to the local veterinary surgeon, Dr. (Lloyd) H. J. Fanning, who will make every effort to master the situation in this county. The first hogs to be treated will be some of the fine premium Hampshire belonging to Adam Alt, in Liberty township. Mr. Alt believes his fine porkers contracted the disease while he was exhibiting at some of the fairs this fall. Several other farmers in the county have reported the cholera among their swine herds, and an endeavor will be made to properly treat all.

MAINE HUNTER REPORTS DEER LESS PLENTIFUL AND LITTLE DOING

NORTHEAST CARY, ME., Nov. 9.—The weather is warm here now and no snow yet. Deer are very scarce and the hunting is nothing like it was last season. We have seen some moose signs but no moose yet. We have some pheasants and some deer. If the other boys were as lucky as ourselves we would be ready to go home. Some of them come in with big stories but no deer. One of the boys killed a fox.

PROBATE COURT DOINGS

S. J. Vining, administrator of Lucretia Vining, deceased, filed final account for hearing Nov. 30. Last will and testament of David Stoner filed for probate. For hearing Nov. 14. Last will and testament of Henry Griepshop filed for probate. For hearing Nov. 16. Salary list of the winding up of the estate of partial account. For hearing Dec. 30. Last will and testament of Mary A. Betz, deceased, filed for probate for hearing November 17.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Cornelius J. Geth, aged 27, New Bremen, farmer, son of J. G. Geth and Alice E. Geth, aged 29, Franklin township, housekeeper, daughter of Henry Deonnes, married by Rev. Henry.

Tribute to the Memory of Jennie Ritchie

When I was teaching in Montezuma, in the year of 1894. One morning there came into my room a girl I had never seen before. She hesitated when she came in. She was getting ready to go. But I could tell that she meant well. By the sparkle in her eye. I asked her in which grade she belonged. And found not to my surprise. The former question she couldn't answer. But she said her name was Jennie. So I began at once. To hear her read and spell. And found not to my surprise. She did exceedingly well. I at that time, you know. Was teaching in Number Two. And found not to my surprise. In that room would never do. So I took her up stairs. To teacher Number Three. And said, my brother teacher. Here's a girl you'll want to see. I said: my brother, this girl is yours—She says her name is Jennie—As for the trouble she will make. I think you'll not be sorry. She came to school 'most every day—I noticed her through the year—And now she's here to stay. Except in the best of cheer. When the year of 1905 came on I was transferred to Number Three.

ABBREVIATED NEWSLETTERS

Infringement Director and Mrs. Andrew Brunswick, of Wendelin, are the parents of a baby girl, born last Sunday.

Twenty head of hogs, purchased by stock buyers, Weaver from the County Jail, Friday last, Friday, commanded the best sum of \$225.80.

Rev. S. J. Vining of Anguize County was in town Wednesday last, on business matters, making The Democrat his annual visit and renewal. Stock buyer Chas. M. Weaver sustained an injury last night by a cow and knocked down while he was separating the animal from her calf at the Lake Erie stock yards. The mammoth stone shovel recently purchased by Contractor John W. Karch is now in operation at the Beaver Creek crusher plant, west of the city. The shovel when in operation will do about as much work in a day as three hundred men, and is not likely to be found in some saloon joint where it is so often used. John is building the pipe down about Beaver that will be able to supply all the road and building material of this county and need not the county, and the quality cannot be beaten.

MINISTERS TO HOLD THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The ministers of the Protestant churches of this city, at a meeting held at the M. E. Church parsonage, last Monday morning, arranged for a union Thanksgiving service on the 30th. The services will be held at the Presbyterian Church, beginning at eight o'clock, a. m. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Koenig, of the Evangelical Church, music for the services being furnished by the Presbyterian choir. A thanksgiving offering will be taken up which will be used among the poor.

At a meeting of the ministers of the Protestant churches of this city, held last Monday, a ministerial association was formed and the following officers selected: Praying: Rev. Chas. Bennett; Vice President, Rev. McKim; Secretary, Rev. Neff; Treasurer, Rev. DeLong; Chairman of Program Committee, Rev. Koenig.

MEETING OF THE LEADING MEMBERS OF REV. BENNETT'S SUNDAY-SCHOOL CLASS

The meeting was held to enlarge the class roll and to make the class a part of the Sunday-School. There are now thirty-two pledged members. Every body is invited to attend, the school commencing now in the afternoon at 2:30 instead of in the morning.

NEW CLUBBING OFFER WITH THREE-A-WEEK EDITION OF NEW YORK WORLD

The great Presidential campaign will soon begin and you will want the necessary material to keep you posted. This issue established a record for impartiality, and anybody can afford its Three-A-Week edition, which comes every other day in the week, except Sunday. It will be of as much value to you now. The Three-A-Week edition also contains in all strong features, serial stories, humor, many cartoons; in fact, everything that is to be found in a first-class daily.

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